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Senator Lyndon B. Johnson  
United States Senate  
Washington 25, D. C.

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Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
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**Honorable Paul J. Kilday**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington 25, D. C.**

**Dear Congressman Kilday:**

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Handwritten P.S.: I read with interest your comment to the press on this subject. It was excellent. AWD

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Honorable Homer E. Capehart  
United States Senate  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Capehart:

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Honorable Alexander Wiley  
United States Senate  
Washington 25, D. C.

*Wiley*  
Dear Senator Wiley:

This is with reference to your referral of October 29, 1959 of the exchange of correspondence between yourself and Mr. Kenneth Hahn.

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Honorable Stuart Symington  
United States Senate  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Stuart:

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